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SUBJECT: NON-PROLIFERATION: SOUTH AFRICAN ADHERENCE TO
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FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE VEST FROM NYE

1. US GOVERNOR TO THE IAEA (TAPE) CALLED ME AND SUBSE-
QUENTLY SPOKE AT GREATER LENGTH WITH ACDA ASSISTANT DIREC-

TOR FOR NON-PROLIFERATION VAN DOREN, WITH A REQUEST THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY.

2. DURING IAEA NUCLEAR POWER CONFERENCE IN SALZBURG, AMB. TAPE HAD MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN ATOMIC ENERGY DIRECTOR ROUX. DURING COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, TAPE RAISED QUESTION OF NPT ADHERENCE. ROUX EMPHASIZED THAT MAJOR CONCERN OF SAG NOW WAS THAT EVEN IF SOUTH AFRICA WERE TO BECOME NPT PARTY, THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FUELING FROM THE US FOR THE KOEBERG REACTORS, AND THUS THERE WOULD NOT BE INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO TAKE THIS STEP. AMB. TAPE HAD THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT US COMMITMENT TO

SUPPLY ENRICHMENT SERVICES FOR THESE REACTORS, OR AT LEAST EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITMENT, MIGHT BE THE SINE QUA NON OF OBTAINING SOUTH AFRICAN AGREEMENT TO ADHERE TO THE NPT.

3. YOU MAY WISH TO BRING THIS INFORMATION TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION. IN ADDITION, THE VICE PRESIDENT MAY WISH TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TO HIS PREPARED TALKING POINTS: "SOUTH AFRICAN NON-PROLIFERATION AND NUCLEAR ISSUES," ITEM 3 (EXPORT OF LOW ENRICHED URANIUM TO SOUTH AFRICA).

(CONTINGENCY TALKING POINT)

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SAG CAN BE ASSURED THAT FUEL FOR THE KOEBERG REACTORS WILL BE SUPPLIED IF THE SOUTH AFRICANS AGREE TO BECOME PARTY TO THE NPT, YOU MAY WISH TO:

-- AGREE TO RAISE DIRECTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT THE ISSUE OF ADVANCED ASSURANCE OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH SUPPORT FOR EXPORT OF THIS FUEL IF THE SAG AGREES TO BECOME AN NPT PARTY. CHRISTOPHER

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